REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding Final Office Action mailed January 6, 2005. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims, as amended, are respectfully requested.

1. Present Status of Patent Application

Upon entry of the amendments in this response, claim 1 and claims 3-23 remain pending in the present application. More specifically, claim 1 is directly amended and claims 3-23 are added. These amendments and additions are specifically described hereinafter. It is believed that the foregoing amendments and additions add no new matter to the present application.

2. Response To Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. Section 102

The Office Action indicates that claims 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Hibino. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claim 1 is amended by this response to replace the word "content" with the phrase "set of executable instructions". Support for this amendment can be found at page 4 of the present application wherein the term "content" is defined.

It is noted that Hibino's "status information" are not executable instructions. Moreover, nowhere does Hibino teach the Claim 1 step of receiving, from a printer, a set of executable instructions that is executable to display a print status page. The Hibino reference therefore does not anticipate element (a) of claim 1 and for this reason alone the rejection should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that all objections and/or rejections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that the now pending claim is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion

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of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (208) 396-5263.

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